

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Taylor Smith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. BARRETT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, I rise to note the passing of William J. Barrett, of Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Barrett died January 26, 2009, at age 81, following a distinguished career in Federal service that culminated at the Government Printing Office (GPO) in the senior positions of Superintendent of Documents, Deputy Public Printer, and finally as acting Public Printer.

Before transferring his flag to the GPO, Bill Barrett had a successful career in the Navy Department, where he climbed from the position of fiscal accounting clerk in 1949 to acting Administrative Officer of the Navy, reporting to the Undersecretary of the Navy. In 1971, Bill was appointed as the first administrative officer of the GPO. Within two years of his arrival at GPO, Bill became Deputy Assistant Public Printer—Superintendent of Documents.

By 1981, Bill was appointed Assistant Public Printer—Superintendent of Documents. In that position, Bill oversaw GPO's Federal Depository Library Program, which distributes government documents to depository libraries in every state of the Union. While there, Bill was instrumental in stemming financial losses then plaguing the agency's document sales program. In April 1982, Bill was appointed to Deputy Public Printer, the second highest position in the agency. When the Public Printer resigned in January 1984, Bill served as acting Public Printer until he retired from Federal service in the following December.

Madam Speaker, although I did not have the privilege to know and work with Bill Barrett, I am told that he was a genuine friend to the GPO and well respected by the Members and staff of the Congress. While serving, Bill traveled extensively to educate Americans about the GPO, its operations and the important missions it fulfills, and many consider him perhaps the best "ambassador" the GPO has ever had. His distinguished career reflected his dedication and devotion to the Federal service and the people we all serve. I commend Bill Barrett's record of service to the Nation, and on behalf of the Joint Committee on Printing, I offer our condolences to Betty, Bill's wife of 59 years, and to their six children and their families.

HONORING JOSHUA MICHAEL SHINER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Michael Shiner of Platte City, Missouri. Joshua is a very special

young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joshua Michael Shiner for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING BRENDA LEE FOR RECEIVING THE GRAMMY "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the tremendous career and professional accomplishments of Brenda Lee, a legendary member of the Tennessee recording arts community and an international star, on the occasion of her receipt of the 2009 Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award on February 8, 2009.

The Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Science to performers who make significant contributions in the field of recording arts. Brenda Lee's career epitomizes the ideals established by the Recording Academy, and provides a benchmark for success that few artists worldwide can match.

Brenda sold over 100 million records during her career, and sold more records than any other woman in the history of recorded music. In doing so, she established a long-lasting connection with both American and international fans while holding the title of "Most Programmed Female Vocalist" for five consecutive years according to Billboard magazine, and three consecutive years according to Cashbox magazine. This standard of excellence yielded 29 gold records, international acclaim throughout the world, induction in the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1997, and induction in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

More importantly, Brenda Lee remains an active community leader in Nashville, Tennessee where she and her husband Ronnie continue to make their home. Her charitable contributions include volunteer leadership in organizations spanning from the Kidney Foundation, the American Heart Association and the March of Dimes to the YWCA for Abused Women.

On behalf of constituents throughout Tennessee's 7th District and music fans around the world, I applaud Brenda Lee for her lifetime body of work, and congratulate her well-deserved acceptance of the 2009 Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

HONORING ELI SAMUEL EBER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eli Samuel Eber of Kansas City, Missouri. Eli is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eli has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eli has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eli Samuel Eber for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO SOL ROSENBERG

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the late Sol Rosenberg. Rosenberg, who survived Nazi death camps to become a local titan in industry, philanthropy and civil affairs, died January 30, 2009, in Monroe, La., at the age of 82.

As a young teenager, Rosenberg lived in the Warsaw Ghetto under anti-Semitic law. He was imprisoned in four death camps, participated in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, served as a slave laborer in two slave labor camps in Poland and survived the iniquitous Dachau Death March.

After escaping from the concentration camp at Treblinka and taking part in the courageous rebellion in Warsaw, Rosenberg was sent to Dachau, where he was finally liberated after the Allies defeated the Nazis.

In 1942, Nazis took the lives of his two sisters and both parents. He also lost his extended family of over 50 uncles, aunts and cousins to this devastating war.

For almost six years, Rosenberg endured and witnessed unimaginable horror. Yet, he outlasted his enemies, miraculously evading the harrowing fate of everyone he loved, and somehow emerged with his compassion and resolve to live still intact.

After World War II, Rosenberg met his wife, Tola, in a displaced persons camp in Germany. Tola was also a survivor of the war that took her entire family.

In 1949, they left Europe for a new life in Louisiana, with little more than the clothes on their backs and a rough grasp of the English language. The couple raised their five children in this state.

In the 1950s, Rosenberg founded Sol's Pipe and Steel in Monroe, which he ran for more than 50 years. Starting this business from scratch, Rosenberg eventually became a leading industrialist and community benefactor in northeastern Louisiana—another testament to his dedication and will to survive.

Rosenberg's involvement in community affairs was expansive, as were his charitable works. Schools, civic and service organizations and many other groups were the recipients of his kindness and charity.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Sol Rosenberg—a friend and inspiration to many, and whose life was a true testament of the human strength and spirit.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC
LIFE OF HERB HAMROL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, on April 18th, 1906, our beloved city of San Francisco experienced an earthquake and fire that devastated all but a handful of buildings and resulted in the deaths of more than 3000. When the temblor struck, at 5:12 a.m. on that spring morning, Herbert Heimie Hamrol was just three years old. When he passed away last week at the age of 106, Mr. Hamrol had outlived all other male survivors.

Madam Speaker, Herb Hamrol was and continues to be a vital part of San Francisco's history. Every year, on the anniversary of the great quake, he would rise early and leave his Daly City home in time to gather at 5:12 a.m. at Lotta's Fountain with other survivors and well-wishers. While he remembered little of the actual quake—being just 3 years old when it happened—Herb was always generous with what memories he had.

"I remember my mother carrying me down the stairs," he told a reporter at last year's gathering. He also recalled camping in Golden Gate Park while ominous black smoke filled the skies and rubble lay in the streets.

Herb was not just known to the historic-minded. Many San Franciscans knew him as the kind and helpful clerk at Andronico's Market on Irving Street, not far from his home after the quake, Golden Gate Park.

Defying his advanced age, Herb Hamrol worked up until a week before his death. At 106 years old, he donned an apron and punched a timeclock forty years after many had chosen to retire.

Herb Hamrol was born in San Francisco on January 10, 1903. He left school after the 8th grade for a job delivering meat for a butcher. He later worked as a phone company clerk and owned his own business—Herbert's Food Shop at 16th and Geary—for forty years. In 1963, he joined Andronico's. Cecilia, the love of his life and wife for forty years, died in 1969. He told the Chronicle in 2003 that he kept a picture of her in his room and, "Every morning I say 'good morning' to her."

At last year's remembrance Mayor Gavin Newsom told the crowd of 350, "There is no greater San Franciscan than Herb."

Madam Speaker, our city, so many times blessed, was further endowed by the many years we were allowed to call Herb our own. Our condolences go to his large and loving family, including sons Burt and Bil Hamrol; daughter-in-law Carla; grandchildren Michele, Allison, Burt Jr., Jennifer and Cecilia; great-grandchildren Lauren, Dustin, Travis, Ceidric, Nicholas and Pamela; and great-great-grandchildren Alexis and Logan.

During Herb Hamrol's century-plus life, he witnessed two world wars; the invention of television and the computer; the struggle for civil rights, women's suffrage and greater equality for all; advancements in medicine and science that included heart transplants and wonder drugs and putting a man on the Moon. Yet, through it all, Herb kept his life—and his advice—simple. When asked by a reporter to share some of the wisdom gathered in so many years on Earth, he offered a nugget as true today as it was on the day he was born: "Don't spend every dime you get."

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN
D. DINGELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Congressman JOHN D. DINGELL and in recognition of his outstanding service to our country as the Representative for the 15th District of Michigan. On February 11, 2009, Congressman DINGELL will become the longest serving Member in the House of Representatives.

Congressman DINGELL was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado on July 18, 1926 and followed in the footsteps of his father when he succeeded him as a Representative in Congress for Michigan's 15th Congressional District. He joined the U.S. Army at the age of 18 and at one of the defining moments in modern world history, during World War Two. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the Army and completed his military service in 1946. Congressman DINGELL attended Georgetown University for both his undergraduate and graduate degrees, earning his bachelor's degree in Chemistry and J.D. from the Law School, completing his studies in 1952. Prior to obtaining his seat in Congress, Representative DINGELL opened his own private law firm and served as both a forest ranger and attorney in Wayne County, Michigan. He became a Member of the House of Representatives in 1955 at the age of 29, following the death of his father, who was the incumbent Member of Congress.

Congressman DINGELL's accomplishments in the House of Representatives include writing groundbreaking legislation on the environment such as the Clean Air Act of 1990 as well as working to pass vital animal welfare laws such as the Endangered Species Act. As Chairman Emeritus of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Representative DINGELL has addressed some of the most significant issues facing our Nation today, such as health care and national energy policy. He continues his father's legacy in Congress by introducing the same national health care legislation his father fought for during his tenure in Congress. Congressman DINGELL's leadership has served as an undeniable example and source of inspiration to our colleagues and to all those working toward national health care legislation and issues of environmental justice.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Congressman JOHN D. DINGELL and in recognition of his exceptional accomplishments during his tenure as the longest serving Member in the House of Representatives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOSEPH ANTHONY ZANGER, SR.

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Joseph Anthony Zanger, Sr. whose business acumen, community service and family dedication are inspirational.

Joseph was born on December 28, 1927 in San Jose, California. In true American style, Joseph was a descendent of hard-working immigrant families. His ancestors initially worked in the agricultural trade, but went on to build the largest cannery and winery in Santa Clara Valley.

He attended St. Mary's Elementary School in San Jose, Bellarmine College Preparatory, and Santa Clara University, where he majored in economics. After attending college, Joseph moved to Pacheco Pass to help manage the family's orchard operations. In 1953, he married Kathleen Kelsch from Mandan, North Dakota. They raised their four children, Wendy, Allene, Joe, and Gretchen, on their ranch on Pacheco Pass.

For over 50 years, Joseph and his two brothers, George and Eugene, farmed over 600 acres of orchards and vineyards on Pacheco Pass. Joseph's economics major enabled him to develop a business marketing strategy for the California Prune Bargaining Association, which he helped found at the age of 19. For ten years, Joseph represented San Benito and Santa Clara counties on the California/Federal Prune Administrative Committee and on the California Prune Advisory Committee. He also served as the Director of the Santa Clara Valley Winegrowers Association and President of the San Benito County Farm Bureau.

The Zanger family founded Casa de Fruta to complement their farming business. Casa de Fruta started with a small cherry stand built in 1943 and grew in the following decades to include a large fruit stand, restaurant, RV park, lodge, wine tasting, gift shop, barnyard zoo, candy store, service station, and dried fruit mailing business. Joseph oversaw the construction of the buildings and landscaped Casa de Fruta with large rocks that he hauled from the Pacheco Pass tunnel.

Joseph constantly studied safety and economic issues related to the area's transportation system. In 1978, he served on the planning committee for completion of Interstate 5 from Stockton to Santa Nella/Highway 152. In 2005, he worked to establish a new route for Highway 152/156 to connect with Highway 101 south of Gilroy. Because of the large number of traffic accidents that had occurred on these highways, his work has benefited the hundreds, if not thousands, of Californians who travel along those highways.

I have the pleasure of employing one of Joseph's grandchildren, Meggie, in my Washington, D.C. office and I join her in celebrating her grandfather's life and accomplishments. I thank the Zanger family for their contributions to our region in California and, on behalf of our community in California's 16th Congressional District, offer sincere condolences on Mr. Zanger's passing.